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APPENDIX C

STAR GATE BACKGROUND

(S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) STAR GATE was initiated by DIA in FY 1991 in order to carry out Congressional committee recommendations. The Congressional action established a new program "intended to provide a more systematic and scientifically sound approach to research in this area," and a "wider and more systematic review of potential intelligence applications" involving anomalous mental phenomena (AMP). The Congressional conferees designated DIA as the executive agent for this new program, and agreed that DIA should:

- "Formulate and provide to Congress a long-range comprehensive plan for research and applied research for the program."
- "Develop an integrated data base on foreign efforts on these phenomena, particularly those of the Soviets and the Chinese."
- "Levy and prioritize requirements for the program as appropriate."
- "Provide for systematic and independent assessment of program results."
- "Assure proper documentation of all activities and plans based on scientific methodology and evaluation."
- "Arrange for an appropriate level of external assistance to the program."

(S/NF) A funding level of \$2 million was authorized in FY 1991 to initiate this program and to develop a comprehensive long-range plan. All of the key objectives for FY 1991 have been initiated and many have been accomplished (see Appendix D; STAR GATE Status). A limited access (LIMDIS) program, STAR GATE, was established for this overall effort in October 1990.

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A. (S/NF) Long-Range Comprehensive Plan:

- A basic and applied research general plan was developed on 15 November 1990.
- A long-range comprehensive plan was completed on 28 June 1991.

B. (S/NF) Integrated Foreign Data Base:

- Collection requirements were identified on 9 November 1990.
- All-source collection plans were documented on 15 January 1991.
- Specific collection plans were implemented starting on 27 March 1991.
- An initial bibliographic data base was developed and entered into the project system on 16 November 1990.
- Automatic Data Processing (ADP) requirements for all anticipated data bases and support activities were identified on 20 December 1990:
  - Some basic equipment has been obtained.
  - ADP system procurement is underway.
  - Preliminary assessment of USSR and PRC work was published on 10 January 1991.
- A detailed report on USSR and PRC work was published on 28 June 1991.

C. (S/NF) Program Requirements:

- Research requirements were identified on 15 November 1990.

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- Foreign collection requirements were levied and prioritized as of 27 March 1991.

D. (S/NF) Independent Assessment:

- An independent review/assessment mechanism was implemented on 20 December 1990.
- A Project Review Board was established on 17 January 1991.
- A Project Oversight Panel was established on 9 April 1991.
- A Scientific Oversight Committee was established on 28 June 1991.

E. (S/NF/SG/LIMDIS) Proper Documentation:

- A limited access project was established for this activity on 23 October 1991.
- General project protocols were documented on 21 November 1990.
- Protocols for beacon person targeting were published on 13 December 1990.
- Potential tasking mechanisms were published on 10 January 1991.
- Security procedures were developed and published on 15 January 1991.
- Procedures for special proficiency targets were published on 9 April 1991.
- Project procedures were reviewed and modified; findings were published on 5 April 1991.
- A symposium summary and an off-site review summary were published on 15 March 1991 and 29 April 1991.

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- Over ten documents on various project investigations were published between 30 October 1990 and 5 April 1991.
- A detailed proficiency enhancement project report was published on 21 June 1991.
- A detailed operational plan for the remainder of FY 1991 was published on 24 June 1991.
- External research will adhere to sound scientific methodology under the auspices of an expert Scientific Oversight Committee established at contract start.
- Human use aspects of the external research will be reviewed and appraised by an expert Human Use Review Board established at contract start.

F. (S/NF) External Assistance:

- A basic and applied research general plan was developed on 15 November 1990.
- Basic and applied research requirements for the initial contract were documented on 29 November 1990.
- An external contract package was prepared on 7 December 1990. This contract was signed on 28 June 1991. Research identified will extend into FY 1992.

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